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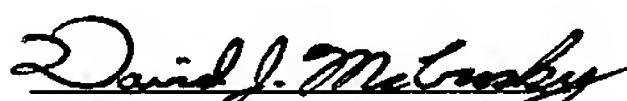
Chinese Patent Publication No. 2190729 appears to disclose a polyethylene pipe joint.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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